The Need for a Spiritual Father at the New Birth

Do you consider that you have experienced the new birth, even though God has not fulfilled His part in your relationship with Him—He has not appointed a spiritual parent to care for you, and you have had to feed only on sermons, like an orphan child raised in an institution?

 Answer: Yes (incorrect) — Explanation: To say that you were born again, but that God did not fulfill His part — He did not give you a spiritual parent and left you to feed only on sermons — means accusing God of starting a work but not finishing it. It is:

• a serious accusation against God's faithfulness.

• Proof that the true meaning of being born again has not been understood.

• A confirmation that there was no transformation by the Holy Spirit. A child born of God is not an orphan. If you have lived as a spiritual orphan— without fellowship, without guidance, without a spiritual parent, as Paul was to Timothy and Titus—then you need to stop and ask yourself, "Have I truly been born again?" God does not make mistakes. The problem is not with Him, but with you.

The exception is seen in the case of Paul's conversion, who had a direct and supernatural encounter with Christ on the road to Damascus. But even he, after that experience, was integrated into the Body of Christ, received confirmation from other believers, and became a spiritual father to others himself.

Therefore, authentic rebirth is never an isolated process, but always involves fellowship, discipleship, and belonging to the Body of Christ.

 Answer: No — Explanation: A person who has truly been born again cannot say that God has forgotten him or that He has not fulfilled His part in their relationship. The heavenly Father is faithful and does not give birth to children only to abandon them.

If someone claims to have been born again but has not received care, guidance, fellowship, and a spiritual parent, but has only been fed sermons like an institutionalized orphan, then they must ask themselves honestly: Was it truly a new birth? Or just a religious emotion?

Being born again is followed by a new life, in which God personally cares for His child through spiritual parents, living fellowship, and the work of the Holy Spirit. If this is not the case, it is not God who has failed, but the birth has not taken place. God does not forget any of those born of Him. Scripture clearly states that God is our Father: "I will

be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters" (2 Cor. 6:18).

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